

Negro Educator on American Commission to Help Formulate Japan's New Educational Program

OUR GUEST

Column..

(Edited by Erna P. Harris)

Every Week, we shall present, journalist, our new weekly column "OUR GUEST COLUMN", a non-profit service of the American Press Association devoted to furthering group understanding. Edited by Erna P. Harris, noted nationwide action.



(by EVERETT R. CLINCHY, President National Conference of Christians and Jews)

Note to Readers:

Brotherhood Week, February 17-24, has in the past decade become an American institution. Sponsored each year by the National Conference of Christians and Jews, with headquarters at 381 Fourth Avenue, New York City, and branches throughout the country, this annual observance symbolizes the underlying unity of those who worship the same God in different ways. An appropriate slogan is now attached to Brotherhood Week: "Make America safe for differences."

Three main struggles in contemporary history vastly affect American relations among Protestants, Catholics and Jews.

First is the struggle between those who wish to rely exclusively on each nation's sovereign strength for security, and those who are fighting for an international organization with granted powers. If democracy can be applied worldwide among nations, there is the chance that the Commission on Human Rights, established at San Francisco, will make those rights actual, everywhere. In that event some of the causes of rancor, fear and hostility would be lessened in the America theatre of intergroup conflict.

Second is the struggle between economic groups, and between schools of politico-economic philosophy. Social scientists have found that prejudice has a high correlation with unemployment and poverty. To the extent that extreme economic suffering can be banished, and evils of unfair competition eliminated, one of the greatest causes for intergroup hostility will disappear.

Third is the struggle in American intergroup relations. On the one side are those who are discovering that the American revolution must be applied to groups; every GROUP has the inalienable right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Opposing this view are the chauvinists and jingoists who, never catching up with Washington, Jefferson and Lincoln, still think their group must dominate.

To translate this revolutionary idea of democracy among groups is an educational task of first magnitude. The National Conference of Christians and Jews works on the principle that it involves three steps:

1. Each group must become acquainted with the aims and purposes of the other groups.
2. Members of each group must be made consciously aware that they have some aims in common with all the other groups.
3. Individuals of each group must develop habits of cooperation with citizens of other groups, on these common aims.

When our nation needed a weapon that would determine who would win the war, it put 600 scientists to work. The atomic bomb was produced.

If Americans really want to inaugurate a new era in human relations, they must summon the scientists, the educators, the public leaders and the churchmen to produce a new weapon, a weapon of the spirit and of the mind.

The disease of hate in human relations can be eliminated from our society in a single generation. It reduces itself to a problem of research, direct action and hygiene.

It is a big job. It calls for big leadership, and the use of all the resources of science, education and religion. It must be done on a national scale.

The present situation is appalling. But Americans can change attitudes and customs involving intergroup relations, just as they are changing the thinking, feeling and customs on international relations. We can build an "American Brotherhood of Citizens" which would be an army of men of goodwill against hate, and for cooperation.

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NAACP Outlines New FEPC Program

NEW YORK—Condemning the action of the Senate on FEPC as a "sham battle" the Board of Directors of the NAACP on February 11 voted to instruct the 1200 local chapters of the Association "to use their influence and power to aid in defeating for reelection those Senators who refused to vote for cloture and those who willfully absented themselves from the session at which the voting occurred."

The Directors then instructed the administrative staff to "organize a National Committee to promote the passage of the FEPC bill now pending in the Congress and invite the collaboration of any other organization whose purposes are the same as ours."

Judge Hubert T. Delany specifically mentioned the National Guide for a Permanent FEPC, the National Lawyers Guild, labor, church and fraternal groups of all shades of opinion as ones to be included in the new drive for the enactment of an FEPC.

The Association is cooperating closely with the National Council for a Permanent FEPC in the gigantic mass meeting scheduled for Madison Square Garden February 28, and Walter White, NAACP Secretary just returned from the Pacific Coast, will participate in the strategy conference on FEPC to be held in Washington February 22-23.

The FEPC bill displaced by the Senate on February 9 can be called up again during the present session whenever sufficient pressure is mobilized and the FEPC bill in the House can be passed, supporters declared, as soon as it is got out of the Rules Committee by means of a discharge petition. The petition which requires 218 signatures, is now short of that number and all persons interested in the legislation are asked to write their congressmen to sign Discharge Petition No. 4.

ANNOUNCING OPENING OF WATSON BEAUTY SCHOOL

Mr. Voyal V. Watson is happy to announce the opening of his accredited School of Beauty Culture namely Watson's School of Beauty Culture, 25th, 1946, 9:00 am. Those entering now will be ready to take the Oct. board. Terms may be arranged by calling JA 3974-7015.

GOODWILL SPRING MUSICAL CHOIRS 4TH ANNUAL SERMON TO BE PREACHED BY REV. M. C. WILLIAMS

PASTOR OF BETHEL BAPT. AT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH AT THREE-FIFTEEN. SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24

At the meeting of the Goodwill Spring Musical Choirs, it was decided that the Reverend M. C. Williams, the very able pastor of Bethel Baptist Church of South Omaha, would be the minister asked to preach the 4th Annual Sermon to the Choirs on the subject "THE CHOIR'S SERVICE VALUE TO THE CHURCH."

Rev. Williams will have a great message and we hope every member of each choir who can be present, will be there to hear this message. In fact there will be Spiritual food for every church member, who has service value to his or her church. So let every one come and be on time at 3:15 pm. Sunday, February 24th and see what is in store for you.

The Ministerial Alliance had a committee to meet with Choir Presidents and promised to give their support to the Goodwill and Christian Fellowship Movement, so that may be come nearer to being City-wide.

THE FISK JUBILEE SINGERS TO SING HERE



TO APPEAR HERE FRIDAY NIGHT 1, 8:30 P. M.

The music lovers of Omaha will have a chance to hear the musical treat of the year, when they go to the beautiful Tech High School Auditorium to hear the world's famous Fisk University Jubilee Singers. The different newspapers have the following to say about these singers:

BOSTON HERALD: Has this to say: "The Negro spirituals are a genius of their own, and there are none who sing them quite as eloquently as these hereditary singers from Fisk University."

THE MINNEAPOLIS JOURNAL: "Their tone balance is excellent and their vocal effects of phrasing and general musicality are exquisite as well as the impeccability of their good taste."

Comments from many other papers we could quote, but space and time will not permit.

These singers have sang with the symphony orchestras of Boston, Chicago and Los Angeles. They have made recordings for the British Broadcasting Corporation, and have been heard weekly over the NBC nationwide network. They are acknowledged to rank among the greatest interpreters of Negro spirituals in the world today. Another great treat will be the playing of Mr. Robert Hemingway who is a very outstanding pianist. Mr. Hemingway will do two groups of numbers on the program and will be the accompanist for the singers.

L. L. McVay.

TRANSFER OF SWPC'S LENDING DEPT. TO RFC WILL AID RFC'S SMALL BUSINESS LOANS

"Transfer of the Smaller War Plants Corporation's lending activities to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation will aid in expanding RFC's small business loan service to applicants in the Omaha Region, Mr. Eggers, Assistant Manager of the RFC Loan Agency for Omaha, announced.

"SWPC Loan Offices are being continued under RFC direction and will actively cooperate in helping small business obtain funds needed for launching or expanding business enterprises, and for other business purposes.

"Mr. Eggers said that instructions have been received from Charles B. Henderson, Chairman of RFC's Board, urging the Omaha RFC Loan Agency to push forward vigorously the Government's program of helping small business enterprises in this area root themselves in strong competitive positions for post-war industrial growth. Every practicable aid will be given to veterans and other civilians who desire to found new business enterprises or strengthen existing concerns.

"Mr. Henderson," he added, "forecast a sharp increase in small business loans by banks during 1946."

"RFC, in addition to handling its own small business loans, has also serviced all SWPC loans," Mr. Henderson pointed out. "The 31 RFC Regional Loan Agencies, from February 21, 1942, through December 31, last—a period of three years and ten and one-third months—authorized a total of 6,661 loans aggregating \$220,378,000 to small businesses, or an average of about \$33,000 per loan. Thus, the transfer of SWPC's loan business to RFC will not introduce a new type of activity to the RFC loan operations.

"It is a guiding principle of RFC in keeping with the mandates of Congress to cooperate closely with banks. An applicant for a business loan is referred by RFC to his local bank first. If the bank desires, RFC will participate in the loan. If the bank is not able or does not want to advance the funds applied for, RFC will gladly consider the application, RFC has authority under the RFC Act, as amended, to make direct loans to business enterprises."

We are hoping to see all choirs back with us this year as well as choir members who were working at the Bomber plant last year and who could not take part. We are expecting to have you see the Choirs in their respective groups as they will march in separately this year as they did ten years ago. That should make you be on time and in our seat so you will not tend to destroy the beauty and sacredness of the procession.

L. L. McVay.

AMERICAN AIRLINES CHANGES PLANS FOR DISTRIBUTION OF FOLDER RIDICULING THE NEGRO



LESTER B. GRANGER

In response to strong, caustic protest from the National Urban League, American Airlines System agreed today to change its plans for distribution of a recently issued folder ridiculing the Negro. In a letter signed by Lester B. Granger, the League's Executive Secretary, the attention of the Airlines President was called to the "unusually stupid and clumsy fashion" in which the Negro has been cartoonized. The folder, a public relations piece, presenting a line drawing of a Negro messenger carrying a tray and speaking dialect, was used at the opening of the Airlines downtown New York office, and has already been rather widely distributed.

The League letter emphasized that "it has been a long time since any important business or industry has had the effrontery to portray Negroes in this manner," and called attention to the Negro veterans who gained experience in the Army Air Forces, now looking to air lines systems for piloting and technical jobs for which their Army-learned skills have qualified them. "Your company's caricature places an additional burden on this group," the letter stated, "and handicaps the efforts of such organizations as the National Urban League."

American Airlines officials, answering the protest, gave assurance that no offense was intended, and stated that plans for distributing the folder had been changed.

NAACP CONTRIBUTES TO CIO STRIKE FUND

New York—A contribution of \$300 was voted last week by the NAACP Board of Directors to the general strike fund of the CIO. The resolution expressed support for the struggle of the workers in General Motors, the meat packing industry, the electrical plants, the steel industry, and the food and tobacco industry.

At the end of the service each Choir President will be at the table to receive a free will offering from his or her congregation and friends.

We are talking a great deal nowadays about the Brotherhood Movement—why not call your friends of all groups and have them come and enjoy this Service with you. L. L. McVay.

Broadcasts To Help Mark Press Birthdate

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Two network programs have just been arranged by a committee headed by Dowdell H. Davis of the Kansas City Call as highlights of the 1946 observance of National Negro Newspaper Week and the 119th anniversary of the Negro Press.

The celebration this year will take place during the week of February 24—March 2.

A brilliant array of national and military leaders and outstanding artists has been assembled for the two broadcasts, one over CBS on Sunday, Feb. 24, and one over NBC on Saturday, Mar. 2.

Other Features

In addition to a variety of local functions sponsored by the 60 member papers of the Negro Newspaper Publishers Association, sponsors of the observance, national features of the week will include an essay contest open to high school students and the award of the first Wendell L. Wilkie Prizes for outstanding journalistic achievements.

Deadline for submission of the essays is March 2.

Scheduled for appearance on the first national broadcast over CBS from 11:30 to noon EST, Feb. 24th, are: General Dwight D. Eisenhower, supreme Allied commander in Europe during the war and now Army chief of staff; Frank Sinatra, famed crooner and more lately an active crusader for interracial goodwill; Lionel Hampton's orchestra, the harmonizing Ink Spots, Rex Ingram, Hollywood and Broadway star; Carol Brice, rising young contralto, recently featured on several radio programs; Dr. Charles H. Drew, pioneer in the development of blood plasma; and an NNPA spokesman.

Broadcast Details

Lined up for the NBC program at 12:30 to 1:00 pm, EST, March 2 are: Ralph Cooper, able actor and MC; Paul Robeson, Ella Fitzgerald, Joe Louis and Jackie Robinson, first Negro signed to a major league team; Judge William H. Hastie, first Negro governor of the Virgin Islands; Dean Dixon, brilliant musician and only American Negro to conduct major symphony orchestras; and president Frank L. Stanley of the NNPA, who is publisher of the Louisville (Ky.) Defender.

On this same program a message from President Truman will be read. The President had been invited to speak personally on the broadcast, but his press secretary has advised the committee that this will not be possible.

Essay Contest

The subject of the essay contest is "The Negro Newspaper in the Postwar World." It is open to all high school students.

First national prize of \$100; second prize, \$50; and third prize, \$25.

Contestants will submit their essays to the NNPA member paper nearest their community, or to the one which they subscribe or regularly read.

Regional prizes will be given by many of the member papers, with the essays winning regional recognition and being submitted to the national committee of judges for consideration for the top prizes. The contest was inaugurated last year as a regular feature of National Negro Newspaper Week.

Members of the committee arranging the observance, in addition to Chairman Davis, are: Dan Burley, Amsterdam News; New York City; William G. Nunn, Pittsburgh (Pa.) Courier; Lewis O. Swingle, Memphis (Tenn.) World; and P. Bernard Young Jr., Journal and Guide, Norfolk, Va.

APPOINTED AT REQUEST OF GEN. MACARTHUR



DR. CHARLES S. JOHNSON

Dr. Charles S. Johnson, Fisk University will help formulate New Educational Program for Japan. He is a member of U. S. Commission of Educators appointed at the request of General Douglas MacArthur.

Nashville, Tennessee, February 18—Dr. Charles S. Johnson, head of the Department of Social Science, Fisk University is one of the 20 educators on the American Commission which will formulate the new program of education for Japan.

Some of the other members of this Commission are: Dr. George Stoddard of New York who is Chairman of the Commission, Dean Virginia Gildersleeve of Barnard College, Dr. Willard E. Glavin, Executive Secretary of the National Educational Association and Dr. Gordon Bowles, representing the State Department. This Commission which was formulated at the request of General Douglas MacArthur is scheduled to leave the United States by plane on February 20th.

Dr. Johnson, a member of the Fisk faculty for 17 years is Trustee of the Rosenwald Fund and Director of the Race Relations Program of the American Missionary Association. He is President of the Southern Sociological Association and the first Negro to hold this position. He was the American member and secretary of the Commission appointed by the League of Nations to investigate forced labor in Liberia in 1930. He also served on former President Herbert Hoover's conference on Home Building and Home Ownership in 1931.

Author of numerous articles and books he is a recognized world authority on race and culture. Among his books are the Negro College Graduate and Statistical Atlas on Southern Counties both of which were published by the University of North Carolina Press. In 1945 Harper Brothers published his book "Patterns of Negro Segregation."

Dr. Johnson was awarded a citation of merit by the Alumni Association of the University of Chicago last year. He also holds the Ainsfield Award for 1938 and the Harmon Gold Medal for 1930.



ICKES RESIGNS

Washington, DC. (Soundphoto) —Harold L. Ickes speaking to members of the press at his farewell press conference, shortly after the White House had announced his resignation from the Interior Department.

JIM CROW NATIONAL GUARD IS OPPOSED

New York—Declaring that colored people could not oppose segregation in the armed services during war time and then agree to Jim Crow National Guard units in the various states, the NAACP Board of Directors at its February meeting passed a resolution stating that the Association policy is "against separate units in state National Guards as a principle." An active campaign will be launched for integration of Negroes into National Guard units.

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